

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

The Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action, but remain of the position that patentable subject matter is present. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the attached replacement sheet, the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-6, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 17 are allowable. The Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of allowance of these claims.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 17 are pending in this Application. Claims 7, 10-13 and 16 have been canceled herein.

Drawing Objections

The drawings had been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Material presented in claims 7, 10-13 and 16 was not shown in the drawings.

The claims have been canceled herein and, therefore, the issue is moot.

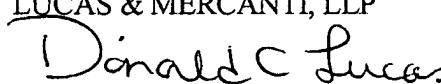
Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7, 10-13 and 16 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distantly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The claims have been canceled herein and, therefore, the issue is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account Number 02-2275.

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